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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

TA-EL-01 IN OPERATIONAL MODE MIROPOL ARMY BARRACKS AL-1, USSR (TSR)

(TSR) The new Soviet troposcatter relay set, the TA-EL-01, was seen in an operational configuration for the first time in the Soviet Union near Miropol Army Barracks AL-1 on imagery of [] (Figure 1). The TA-EL-01 was seen being used in a KGB/UPS signal regiment exercise east of the installation.

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(TSR) A TA-EL-01 mast truck (ZIL-131 chassis) was parked perpendicular to a TWIN EAR antenna/operations van truck (URAL-375 chassis) and connected to an associated generator van truck (URAL-375 chassis). The mast was erected, with two TWIN EAR dishes attached, on the rear of the TA-EL-01 truck (Figures 2 and 3). Two TWIN EARs without TA-EL-01 mast trucks were set up just west of the deployed TA-EL-01, and another TA-EL-01 was probably being set up immediately to the east.

(TSR) Other equipment in the exercise included four TWIN PLATE (R-410) sets and numerous radio van trucks.

(S) Miropol is approximately 35 nautical miles west-northwest of Berdichev in the Carpathian Military District.

(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to [] Warsaw Pact Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC, [] or green extension []

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